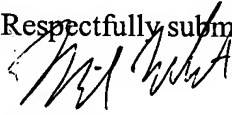


Remarks:

Early and favorable action on claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to International Business Machine deposit account no. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,



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